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- THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL -

MARCH 2024

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DEDICATED WILDCATS PREPARE FOR SAT & PSAT

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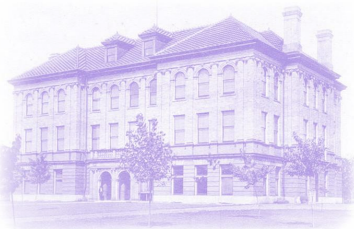
Spring testing season has arrived and students will be taking the digital SAT and PSAT/NMSQT exams during the last week in March. Many of our dedicated Wildcats have been working diligently to prepare themselves for testing by attending Saturday test prep sessions prior to taking the PSAT and the digital SAT. The final Saturday session will take place on Saturday, March 23rd. This amazing program was spearheaded by Dr. Dewtiz and it has been so successful that there is even a waitlist for Juniors to join in! The prep sessions are currently being taught by Dr. Dewitz, Ms. Mangino, and Ms. Jada.

In addition to the Saturday sessions, there will be an SAT Pep/Prep day for the Juniors on Monday, March 25, 2024. All Juniors will attend Math and English review sessions to go over important skills and information needed to be successful on the exam. Students also had the opportunity to select optional sessions to attend throughout the day that will motivate students to do well and help boost their confidence. Some of the optional sessions include: improv theater, team building labyrinths, SAT testing tips and strategies, yoga, art therapy, relaxation techniques, mental health games, and even a chance to create some lucky socks to wear on test day!



Wildcats attend Saturday sessions to prepare for testing.

They say that it "takes a village" to be successful. Our students are fortunate to have some of the most caring and enthusiastic teachers to help guide the way to success. Best of luck to all of the Wildcat students that will be testing next week!

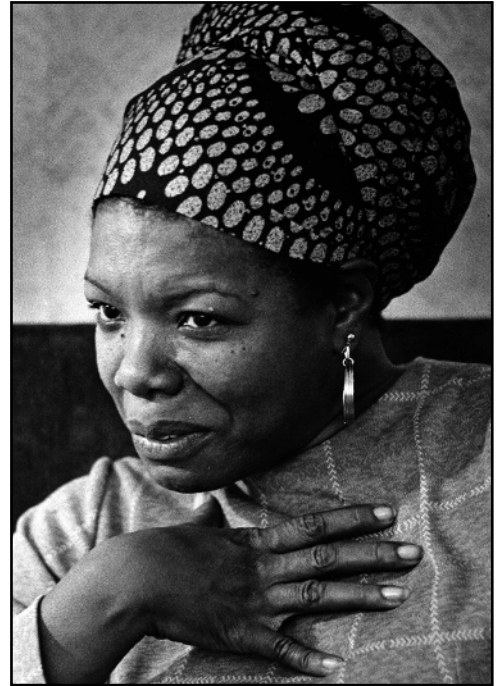


Celebrating Powerful Women

Written by: Tiana Watson-Dell

Women's History Month is a time to celebrate the incredible contributions of women throughout history. One woman who stands out the most and has so much strength, wisdom, and resilience is Maya Angelou. Born on April 4, 1928, Angelou was not just a poet and author but a civil rights activist, actress, and influential figure whose words continue to inspire generations of women.

Maya Angelou's journey began in St. Louis, Missouri, where she faced the challenges of a difficult childhood. Raised by her grandmother in the racially segregated South, Angelou experienced firsthand the harsh realities of prejudice and discrimination. At the tender age of seven, she was sexually assaulted by her mother's boyfriend, an ordeal that left her mute for several years. Despite these early hardships, Angelou's spirit remained unbroken, and her determination to rise above her circumstances would become a defining theme in her life.



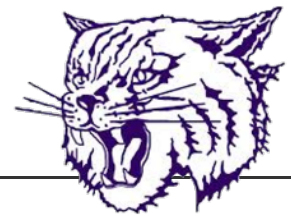
Angelou's artistic talents and passion for literature blossomed in the time of the Harlem Renaissance. She became the first Black female cable car conductor in San Francisco, and during her travels, she explored her love for dance and performance, even touring Europe as a singer and dancer. These experiences laid the foundation for her multifaceted career and fueled her commitment to breaking down racial and gender barriers.

Maya Angelou's literary achievements are perhaps her most enduring legacy. Her groundbreaking autobiography, *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, published in 1969, explores her early life and triumph over adversity. The book received widespread acclaim for its honest portrayal of racism, sexual abuse, and the power of self-discovery. Angelou's ability to transform her personal pain into universally relatable themes touched the hearts of readers around the world.

In addition to her autobiography, Angelou was a prolific poet and playwright. Her poetry collections, including "And Still I Rise" and "Phenomenal Woman," resonate with themes of empowerment, resilience, and the celebration of womanhood. The honesty and vulnerability of her writing created a powerful connection with readers, establishing her as a literary icon.

Maya Angelou's impact on literature, activism, and culture is immeasurable. Her words continue to empower and inspire, reminding us of the strength that lies within every individual, regardless of their background or circumstances. As we celebrate Women's History Month, let us honor Maya Angelou as a phenomenal woman whose legacy transcends time, leaving an indelible mark on the world and serving as a guiding light for generations to come.

Senior News



Senior Year is Finally Here!

This is it! You have finally made it and there are a lot of things you need to know about your senior year.

- Every Senior must have a Post-High School Plan, complete the FAFSA, and CCP.
- If you have any questions about events going on throughout the year, you could find out information by logging in [https:// www.district205.net/site/default.aspx?domainid=50](https://www.district205.net/site/default.aspx?domainid=50)
- Talk and go to your counselor/career counselor's office for information.

Senior Pictures:

Senior Group Photo was taken on Tuesday, September 26, 2023

Orders can be placed @



<https://www.classphotographyinc.com/-/galleries/2020-graduating-classes-theatrecompanies-marchi>

Senior Graduation Photo HR Imaging Partners, Inc. (815) 433-1766

Senior Grad Night:

When: Sat. May 11, 2024

Where: Six Flags Great America

Time: 10:00pm-3:00am



Cost: \$80 (ticket, food, student lounge, music, movies, games, & transportation transportation).

Cap & Gown Packages:

To place your cap and gown order please visit our online store at www.chicagobalfour.com

\$20 Dollar Late Fee

Package 1 - \$39.00 (Required Package) Cap, Gown, Tassel & Medallion

Package 2 - \$49.00 Cap, Gown, Tassel & Medallion Year Date Tag w/ Chain

Package 3 - \$59.00 Cap, Gown, Tassel & Medallion Year Date Tag w/ Chain Jumbo Tassel w/ Bling Year Date

Package 4 - \$69.00 Cap, Gown, Tassel & Medallion Year Date Tag w/ Chain Jumbo Tassel w/ Bling Year Date Silver Year Date Key Ring



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Senior News



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Prom 2024:

When: SATURDAY, May 4, 2024

Where: The Sky Deck Willis Tower

Cost: \$165

*Regular Ticket sales will begin March 5 2024
Beginning April 9, a \$20 late fee will be added*



Prom theme: Met Gala

Prom Sponsor: Mrs. Moody

sscott-moody@ttdistrict205.net

Graduation:

Sunday, May 19, 2024

More details to come!



Yearbook:

Yearbooks are a great way to keep a memory forever. Get yours today!!! Payments will be made online.

Purchase Link:

<https://www.treering.com/purchase?PassCode=1016608645024951>

Senior Most:

Coming soon!!

Stay tuned for more information about the Senior Most list.



WILDCAT SPORTS

March Madness:

Varsity Boys Basketball Team Nearly Made it to State Semi Finals



The boys Varsity basketball team had the whole school in a frenzy this season! The team won the IHSA 3 Thornton Sentional Championship against Brother Rice High School with a final score of 61-54. Everyone was hopeful that the team would make it to the State Semi-Finals, but unfortunately they suffered a tough loss in the Super- Sectionals against Peoria Richwoods with a final score of 52 (Thornton) to 58 (Richwoods) on March 4, 2024. Although the Wildcats did not take the State title, it was incredible to witness how the community rallied to support and cheer for our players.

Head Coach Tai Streets, Coach Richie Thompson, Coach Dennis Pennington, and the Varsity players represented our community well. They played this season with great integrity, pride, and enthusiasm. These young athletes brought a whole new level of team spirit into the building and everyone was excited to watch them compete. The future looks very promising and we can't wait to see what is in store for next year. Thank you to everyone that came out to cheer for our Wildcats over the last several months.



The 2023-2024 Boys Varsity Sectional Champs

WILDCAT SPORTS

Thornton Lady Wildcats

2023-2024 Girls Basketball Season Recap

It was a great season for the Lady Wildcats basketball team. The Thornton Varsity girls basketball team went 22-8 for the season overall. The team consisted of 3 Seniors, 6 Juniors, and 1 Freshman. Unfortunately, the team came up short to Marian Catholic High School in the Semi Finals. The coaches are proud of what these ladies have accomplished. Setting a school winning record with over 20 wins and a Regional championship against T.F. North was an amazing experience.

The new head coach, Eric Armstrong and his coaching staff put in countless hours to help these young ladies improve their game. Some of this season's key wins were against Simeon, Richards, Oak Forest, Kankakee, Bloom, Thornwood, Dowagiac and Lawton (Michigan). The coaches would like to give a special thanks to all the fans that supported the team throughout the season. We will be back next year!



The 2023-2024 Lady Wildcat Regional Champs

Upcoming Events

MARCH 2024

- March 17-** Happy St. Patrick's Day
- March 19-** Prom tickets go on sale
- March 22-** No school for students. Teacher Institute Day
- March 25-** SAT Pep Day (Juniors only)
- March 26-** SAT Test Day
- March 27-** PSAT Day (Sophomores)
- March 28-** PSAT Day (Freshmen)
- March 29-** No School (Good Friday- Spring break begins)



Happy Women's History Month!

APRIL 2024

- April 1-5-** No School (Spring Break)
- April 11-** Rho Kappa Induction
- April 13-** Battle of the Bands (2 pm- 7 pm)
- April 19-** Half Cap Ceremony
- April 25-** Diversity Club Reception



MAY 2024

- May 3-** Cinco De Mayo celebration
- May 4-** Prom at the Skydeck Willis Tower
- May 10-** Spring Show Performance
- May 19-** Graduation
- May 17-** Final exams (Periods 1-3)
- May 20-** Final exams (Periods 4/5 or 5/6 and 6/7 or 7/8)
- May 21-** Final exams (Periods 8/9 or 9/10 and 11)
- May 22-** Make-up day. Teachers finalize grades.



Have a great summer break!

Black History Month Assembly Recap

Black History Month has come and gone, but it left a lasting impression on everyone. The month concluded with the annual Black History Month assembly that took place on February 22, 2024 in the Thornton auditorium. This year's theme was "African Americans and the Arts" and it emphasized how African American art is infused with African, Caribbean, and Black American lived experiences. The assembly opened with the National Black Anthem and several staff members represented their historically Black Sororities and Fraternities. Special performances by the Jazz band, Spoken Word, the Sophisticats, and the cheerleaders captivated the audience. The choir also gave a powerful performance of "I am Not My Hair" by India Arie. The winner of the Black History Month art contest was also revealed at the assembly. Congratulations to Nicole Gonzalez for winning first place! All of the students and staff members that participated in the making of this event did an outstanding job.



Half Cap Ceremony

Coming Soon!

Congratulations to the 191 Sophomore students that are eligible to participate in the Half Cap Ceremony on April 19, 2024. Your dedication and hard work has put you on the track to success. Stay focused and committed to yourselves to ensure a bright future. Amazing job, Wildcats!



THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL
P R E S E N T S

Class of 2026

SOPHOMORE HALF CAP *Ceremony*

HOSTED BY YOUR
TTHS
Counseling
Team

Friday, April 19, 2024

15001 BROADWAY, HARVEY, IL 60426

**YOU'VE MADE IT HALF - WAY THROUGH
AND WE WANT TO CELEBRATE YOU!!**

Sophomore students who are on track for graduation will be honored for their accomplishments during our half cap ceremony.

STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS REGARDING THIS

EPIC CELEBRATION !!!